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Ready to rock
Cargo hub moves equipment
to the warfighter downrange

Air Force power comes from Airmen

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On the cover:

Tech. Sgt. Donald Matheson, 728th Air Mobility Squadron ramp service supervisor is deployed here from the 25th Aerial Port Squadron, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama. The Incirlik Cargo hub has caused 729th sorties to increase by more than ten times its pre cargo hub amount. See related article, Page 8. (Photo by Airman 1st Class Renae Saylock)

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This issue of the *Tip of the Sword* marks the sixth week since I joined the Incirlik family. In the first issue, after joining the team, I told you I would attempt to spell out what I thought was important about being and leading Airmen or, more simply put, "What I Believe." I went on to point out that my and our number one priority needed to be the importance of our people. Airmen are the gas that makes the Air Force go.

Over the last six weeks, I wrote about leadership components from building the DNA of Airmen, to striking balance and leveraging diversity in our lives, to cultivating pride in what we do through recognition. The theme throughout has been our installation motto: bring your courage, conviction and communication. I would like to culminate the "What I Believe" series with some points we discussed in person over the last few weeks and are worthy of emphasis.

Readiness includes strength of character. Being prepared involves more than having the proper equipment and training. It means being mentally and emotionally ready to endure war and hardship. Do not just memorize our core values ... live them. We intentionally say, "Integrity first."

As Airmen, our lives should reflect spiritual, physical and mental balance. We should not have too much of one without the others. If we have this right, we will not have to worry about suicide rates.

Family is the most important thing you have. We must nurture and sustain our families with vigor and passion. There is no mistake in the fact that our three "Fs," Family, Fitness and Focus, start with Family. When we ask you to go to war, we trust you have taken care of your family. By taking care of themselves in your absence, they will be taking care of you. One day, your family will end, and one day your job will end. Make sure your job ends before your family does.

Don't walk past a problem. We are often in the mode of minding our own business, which is fine sometimes. However, when you see something wrong, correct it; do not just walk by.

Do not forget to back-brief the chain of command or anybody that needs to know. Merely ignoring a problem will not make it go away, nor will simply recognizing it. We need to leverage our resources to fix our trouble spots. We should not ignore something just because it is "not our problem."

Lead, mentor and coach. We grow by addition by creating followers, but we grow by multiplication by creating leaders. Attitude, energy and enthusiasm are positively infectious. The stuff that makes quality of life is how we feel about our jobs and the pride we have in accomplishing the mission. We take our cues from each other and that is what leadership, mentoring and coaching are all about.

We live in a digital world that often moves at the speed of heat and it is easy to feel overwhelmed by the sheer velocity of information. The basics of analog leadership resonate even more in this digital world. The fundamentals of family, fitness and focus are the analog touchstones that should map us through the digits of the information age.

What I believe in is simple; I believe in the power of our Airmen and the courage, conviction and communication they bring to the job every day.

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Action Line: Airmen voice concerns

Keeping tobacco in stock

Q: I have a concern about the base keeping smokeless tobacco in stock. Over Memorial weekend, the base was out of my particular brand for more than two weeks. I have been deployed to some pretty remote places and never before have I seen such difficulties in getting morale items to the troops.

A: In the past couple of months, the demand at Incirlik for smokeless tobacco increased 75 percent due to the new cargo hub mission and the influx of TDY personnel. Unfortunately, we did not anticipate the increase in demand for the months of June and July. AAFES recently increased their purchase order by 300 percent and is now carrying three times the amount of smokeless tobacco. In the future, let Steve Hills, AAFES general manager, know if we do not have your particular brand by e-mailing him at hillss@aafes.com or calling 0532-387-9316.

AYA and CDC after-hours care

Q: Why are the hours at the Youth and Child Development Centers not conducive to "mandatory" squadron or wing physical training times, exercises or emergencies? I just feel that if this were an assignment the Air Force feels is safe to bring my children to, why is it so hard to find care for them during regular duty hours, exercises, mandatory PT and emergencies?

A: For duty-related childcare requirements, just identify your need to the CDC or Youth Center director at least a week in advance and they will ensure childcare is available. In the case of a wing-wide emergency or surprise exercise requiring extended childcare, the Battle Staff will have the 39th Services Squadron ramp up the manning to support all care needs. The CDC and Youth Center both have recall rosters for just such a purpose. If you have a personal emergency requiring extended childcare, contact the CDC or Youth Center to make arrangements. After duty hours, please contact the services squadron through the Command Post and they will coordinate childcare. If you have any questions or concerns about the Youth Center or the CDC, call Vicky Haskins, the 39th SVS family member programs flight chief, at 6-3108.

Fitness classes

Q: Why do I have to pay for some of my fitness classes at the Fitness and Sports Center and not others? My husband and I just came from another base and we didn't have to pay for any of the classes offered at the fitness center there as they realize the importance of all fitness components – cardiovascular, flexibility and strength. Why is Incirlik different?

A: We agree with you that fitness is extremely important. It is one of the three "Fs" we consider crucial to our mission success: Family, fitness and focus. We try to offer as many opportunities as possible for our people to become and maintain a high degree of fitness. We are required to offer 15 fitness classes free-of-charge. We currently offer 22 free classes. The fitness center accomplishes this through a combination of employees, volunteers and contracted instructors. Like other bases that are able to offer Yoga, Pilates, and Tae Kwon Do at no charge, we value the benefits of flexibility and strength in overall fitness. This is why we continue

to make these classes available at a nominal fee. The current mix of classes at the fitness center was formulated based on a survey done in early FY04. Obviously we need to conduct a new survey ... and we will, so be sure to voice your preferences. If we get enough interest in the programs you mentioned, we will include them in the contract. As always, the Fitness Center will continue to seek as many volunteer instructors as they can get.

Eagle Housing

Q: We live in the "old" Eagle Housing and we understand there are rumors that the housing will be renovated and we will have to move. I am hearing all this by word of mouth and I am wondering if and when the housing residents will actually receive one-one-one information and a game plan?

A: Thank you for the opportunity to respond to this quality of life issue concerning our Eagle Housing residents. We have a long standing project which is currently pending final Congressional funding for fiscal year 2006. This project is to completely demolish the existing 150 Eagle houses and replace them with 100 new four-bedroom houses. With the project funding now virtually certain, all Eagle Housing residents were officially notified by the housing office and briefed on their entitlements. Those with a DEROS after Dec. 15 will be asked to relocate, at government expense, to Falcon or Phantom Housing areas. Those departing in January will be offered temporary living facility as an option. The housing office will work with the Eagle Housing residents on a one-on-one basis to plan and schedule the move to their new home with the least possible inconvenience. If you want to get ahead of the power-curve with determining your particular options we encourage you to engage the Housing Office at 6-6232.

Lead poisoning

Q: The July 22 edition of the Tip of the Sword published an article about the drinking water on base being safe and there is no need to be concerned about any lead in the water. I have also been told that there is lead in the paint of housing units but not enough to be worried about.

However, I have a six-month-old child and the medical squadron called us in specifically for her to give blood to be test for lead poisoning. Her routine check-ups don't call for this until she is 12-months-old. Also, my neighbors' children were called in for the same reason on the same days. If there is no reason to be concerned about lead in the water or paint, why is the medical squadron calling the kids in to be tested?

A: Thank you for asking for clarification about our blood lead testing program. In November 2004 Bioenvironmental Engineering conducted an evaluation of the exterior of the Eagle Houses and discovered the presence of lead based paint in several homes around the exterior window sills and carport posts. The Housing Office prepared an informational package on lead base paint and distributed it to all Eagle Housing residents. In February 2005 a contractor began lead based paint abatement and painting of the exterior of all Eagle houses with non-lead based paint. As of this date all Eagle

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houses have been repainted (exterior only) with non-lead based paint.

Taking a conservative measure, the medical squadron decided to test all children, per American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines, between 6 months and 6 years of age living in these homes to assure they were not being harmed by any lead based materials. This is why you, your neighbor and others, were called in on the same day. Of all the families notified, about half elected to come in for testing. Most of the test results are back and every one of them fell well within acceptable levels.

The water on base is monitored regularly for various contaminants. Lead is among these contaminants and has always fallen within acceptable levels. The best and most detailed information available about our drinking water is in the 2004 Consumer Confidence Report. We would encourage you to print it out from the featured links section on *The Source* or stop by the Bioenvironmental Engineering Office at the Hospital to pick up a copy. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call 6-6305.

Abandoning pets

Q: I have a concern about pets that have been abandoned by their owners when they PCS. I find this trend very disturbing and want to know what actions can be taken against people who just leave their pets behind?

I have also heard that everyone on base has to outprocess through the Vet Clinic before they can PCS. How are these people able to leave their pets behind? Are they not making it to the Vet Clinic? If they don't, how do they complete their final out without the Vet signature on their checklist?

A: We agree with you that abandoning a pet is a disturbing and unacceptable option. Virtual Out Processing is a great tool, but only five of the most important items on the virtual outprocessing checklist will actually stop a person from clearing the base if they are not accomplished. The others items on the checklist are reminders to personnel — and are their personal responsibility to complete.

What we will do, however, is hold personnel accountable who do not comply with in-

stallation instructions. The 39th Civil Engineer Squadron will notify the owner's squadron commander or first sergeant if an animal is found stray. If the pet owner is still stationed at Incirlik, the appropriate chain of command will take the necessary actions to ensure compliance. If the owner has PCS'd, commanders will research the particulars and follow-up with the gaining unit. We appreciate your concern on this issue and will continue to publicize pet owner requirements.

Patriot Express delays

Q: Every week we know a plane is going to come in and leave Incirlik. The plane allows room for each category on the rotator. Military personnel, who are on leave, along with family members plan their trip according to the departure of the rotator. It seems like every week there is always a delay, sometimes up to three days. Is there anything that can be done to bring the planes in when they are scheduled to arrive and depart?

A: Every Patriot Express mission flown by AMC-contracted commercial airlines is monitored for on-time departures.

The delays are tracked and calculated into a monthly metric and if necessary, contractual actions are taken. Each carrier performing 30 or more missions worldwide in a three-month period is required to maintain 85 percent or better reliability. If they do not, American Trans Air will either withhold future business or reduce the price paid. In ATA's case, when reviewing all of its AMC business over the last three months, they continue to maintain above 85 percent reliability.

Incirlik's mission is growing, as are many of the locations in Southwest Asia. As a result, AMC is contracting for nearly twice the amount of passenger and cargo missions than they did pre 9-11. As a result, our commercial partners are often over-extended on their capability and have limited resources to fall back on in the case of extended delays.

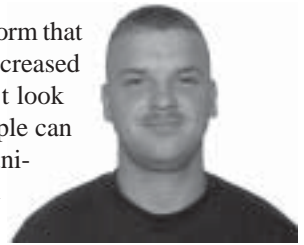
Unfortunately, there is not always an available aircraft to substitute on those 24- 36- or 48- hour delays so instead the carrier is responsible for the billeting and feeding of the passengers.

YOUR TURN

What is your biggest uniform pet peeve?

"A uniform that is not well creased and doesn't look sharp. People can take their uniform to get it done or do it themselves. It's not hard to have a sharp uniform."

Airman William Wolmack, 39th Communications Squadron



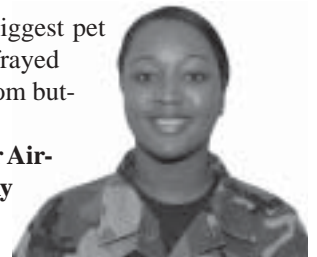
"Worn, old uniforms with holes."

Tech. Sgt. Keven Ward, 39th Medical Squadron



"My biggest pet peeve is frayed strings from buttons."

Senior Airman Ebony Burks, 39th MDS



"Dirty boots on a Monday."

Senior Master Sgt. Richard Smith, 39th Maintenance Squadron



"When people wear uniforms and they're faded."

Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Henson, 39th MXS



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil

117 Turkey Airmen selected for fourth stripe NEWS

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — The Air Force has selected 14,614 of 36,405 eligible senior airmen for promotion to staff sergeant, a 40.14 percent selection rate. The rate dropped slightly from last year.

The Air Force released the promotion list Aug. 10. The complete list of selectees is posted online at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/eprom/>

"These senior airmen have shown they are ready for the next milestone in their career," said Chief Master Sgt. Dale Kenney, enlisted promotion and military testing chief at the Air Force Personnel Center here. "This group has demonstrated through performance and preparation the desire to serve as our newest NCOs."

Members who tested will be able to view their score notice on the virtual Military Personnel Flight Aug. 11. Score notices

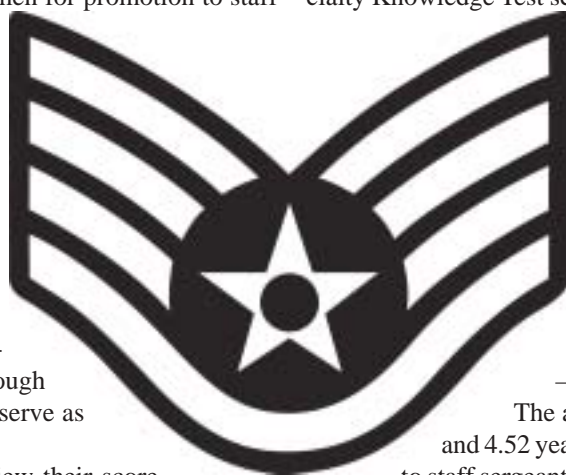
allow Airmen to see how their Promotion Fitness Examination and Specialty Knowledge Test scores rank against those they're directly competing with for promotion within their Air Force Specialty Code.

The average score for those selected was 269.19 points, with the following averages:

- 131.21 points for Enlisted Performance Reports
- 57.54 for Promotion Fitness Exam
- 52.79 for Specialty Knowledge Test
- 17.32 for Time in Grade
- 11.12 for Time in Service
- 0.80 for Decorations

The average selectee has 1.92 years time in grade and 4.52 years in service. Those selected will be promoted to staff sergeant from September 2005 to August 2006.

The selectees for Turkey are below.



39th Air Base Wing

Jeremy Coleman
Stephanie Hammer
Priscilla Perdomo

39th Logistics Readiness

Squadron

Brian Bridges
Diana Casey
Lajada Copeland
Daniel Dowling
Trevor Eaddy
Susannah Parker
Mark Pyatt
Eric Sanders
Omar Spivey
Lenice Thornton
Dale Webb

39th Mission Support Group

Anthonie Campbell

39th Mission Support

Squadron

William Jones
Lamarus Molden

39th Communications

Squadron

Curtis Arens
William Branham
Mitchel Cooney
Daniel Cotter
Dallas Edwards
Mandy Ellis
Rebecca Garber
LeShawnte Holcomb
Thomas Jeys

Laura Loveless

Jeanna Marta
Jason Sharp
Darren Sinclair
James Stogner
Eric Tucker

Amado Vigilante

Kevin Whitfield
James Wiese
Wayne Wright

39th Operations Squadron

Blanca Cantu
Javier Gonzalez
Bryan Masters
Jennifer Morales
Sami Naja
Michael Park
Albert Rollins

39th Civil Engineer Squadron

Jacob Balik
Eric Barger
Ryan Bobzin
Joseph Gorney

39th Contracting Squadron

Jason Boudreaux
John Stacy

39th Maintenance Squadron

Elizabeth Aguirre
Michael Dawson
Thomas Dequeant
David Farrington
Jessica Garcia
Aaron Grissom
Chad Howerly

Brian Lujan

Trisha Pope
Nathan Scruggs
Matthew Sulack
Joshua Tisdell

39th Medical Squadron

Ebony Burks
Ronald Corwin
Jade Foster
Janusz Jaworek
Lakosha Lowery
Charles Smith
Jason Smith
Renesa Smith
Nicole Underwood

39th Comptroller Squadron

Laura Lofton
Sarah Spencer
Angela Strotz

39th Security Forces Squadron

Alvin Conde
Dwayne Davis
Michael Evans
Jeremy Fillible
Hector Flores
Archie Gerald
Jarrod Getz
Joshua Gilbert
Ryan Harter
Guadalupe Higadera
Paul Hutchinson
Scott Layden
Joseph Misher
Andre Muckelroy
Jeremy Reed

Takuya Tyree

American Forces Network – Incirlik

Courtney Donaldson

728th Air Mobility Squadron

David Boyer
Terrence Claggett
James Clark
Christopher Himmelsbach
James Kahler
Jesse Killen
Nathan Kontak
Jason McCoy
Sammy Myracle
Aaron Powell
Jacob Roberts
Michael Shaw
Casey Vargo

Det. 1, Ankara

Aldrick Brown
Kyle Ward

425th Air Base Wing, Izmir

Bronson Brown
Michael Carini
Harlan Foster
Charles Garner
Randy Haithcock
Mark Jackson
Sharod Lane
Jeffrey McCreary
Abdul Mohammed
Duvall Perry
Antwan Sibley
Leo Williams

USAFE streamlines outprocessing

By Senior Airman Stephanie Hammer
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Thanks to a U.S. Air Forces in Europe initiative, outprocessing Incirlik is now easier than ever, according to Master Sgt. Roderick Campbell, 39th Mission Support Squadron personnel relocations chief.

The goal of Combat Intro/Exit is to make the process as close to “one-stop” as possible. The program aims at decreasing the number of outprocessing stops members are required to make in order to get their orders.

Previously, outprocessing used to consist of visiting such places as the library and veterinarian clinic regardless whether you ever checked out a book or owned a pet. Now, people only need to visit these places on an as-needed basis.

“The responsibility is now placed in the hands of individuals,” said Sergeant Campbell. “It’s a member’s personal responsibility to take care of these things.”

The biggest obstacle people at Incirlik face is waiting to the last minute to get started on their outprocessing, according to Sergeant Campbell.

“This puts them behind the power curve,” he said. “You need to be proactive. The longer you wait, the times ticks by and the further behind we all get. The sooner you make your appointments, the sooner we can and will process orders.”

Sergeant Campbell said that short-notice assignments are special cases and they will work with those members on an individual basis.

“The mission is to make outprocessing as easy as possible,” he said.

Outprocessing checklist

Things to do in order to get your orders cut

For stateside assignments:

- ☐ Assignment Rip
- ☐ PPC if applicable
- ☐ Air Force Form 1466
- ☐ A copy of the PCS orders that brought you to Turkey and any amendments if you are unaccompanied and have more than 10 percent of JFTR

For overseas unaccompanied assignments:

- ☐ Assignment Rip
- ☐ Medical and dental clearance letters
- ☐ PPC if applicable
- ☐ Retainability if applicable
- ☐ Follow-on application if going to a remote location
- ☐ A copy of the PCS orders that brought you to Turkey and any amendments if you are unaccompanied and have more than 10 percent of JFTR

For overseas accompanied assignments:

- ☐ Assignment Rip
- ☐ Medical and dental clearance letters
- ☐ Air Force Form 466
- ☐ Air Force Form 965
- ☐ PPC if applicable
- ☐ Retainability if applicable
- ☐ A copy of the PCS orders that brought you to Turkey and any amendments if you are unaccompanied and have more than 10 percent of JFTR

Final outprocessing actions

The final outprocessing date will be one to two days prior to the port call date.

- ☐ Medical and dental records
- ☐ Beyanname clearance letter
- ☐ Chemical bag turn in
- ☐ Pass and identification
- ☐ Housing or dormitory management
- ☐ Commander’s support staff

Final outprocessing

The following items are needed in hand for final outprocessing appointment. Upon final outprocessing with the military personnel flight, take the beyanname clearance letter to TMO passenger service to pick up airline tickets. Airline tickets will not be available for pick up without the beyanname clearance letter stamped by the MPF.

Mandatory

- ☐ Beyanname clearance letter
- ☐ Medical records – pick up two days before final-out date
- ☐ Dental records – pick up two days before final-out date
- ☐ On-the-job training records, Air Force form 623 (technical sergeants and below)
- ☐ Virtual out-processing checklist

Optional

- ☐ Air Force form 2296, driving record printout (Bldg. 119)
- ☐ Ancillary training Rip
- ☐ Assignment relocation processing memorandum
- ☐ Immunizations memorandum

IN THE NEWS

New shoppette hours

The shoppette is open from 6 a.m. to midnight every day starting Saturday. For more information, call 6-6852.

Promotion ceremony

The monthly promotion ceremony is 3:30 p.m. Aug. 31 at the consolidated club. For more information call Master Sgt. Jeremy Sutfin at 6-6078.

Military pay newsletter

People can get information on their pay and entitlements through the Defense Finance and Accounting Service Military Pay Newsletter. To sign up for this newsletter go to www.dod.mil/dfas/ and click on the link for the newsletter.

Road closure

“A” street near Building 90 is closed now through Oct. 15 to allow the storm drainage lagoon to be repaired. For more information, call Bulent Cetinel at 6-8020 or 6-6570.

Air Force Ball fundraiser

Incirlik 50th anniversary lithographs and coins are on sale every weekend until Sept. 3 at the base exchange. The funds will be used to support the Incirlik Air Force Ball in September.

Pets in lodging

There is limited space available in lodging for pets. Dogs and cats are the only animals allowed and reservations are required. An additional \$10 per night pet fee is charged to the room. For more information, call 6-9357.

Crime buster

The Air Force Office of Special Investigation investigates a wide variety of serious offenses, including espionage, terrorism, and other illegal activity. To share information about this, call 6-6488.

Storknesting

Labor and delivery services are not available at Incirlik. Women who are pregnant or planning to become pregnant can call the 39th Medical Squadron Women’s Health Clinic to discuss storknesting at 6-6787.

Preventative Planning

If the word comes down that Incirlik is going to evacuate, it is important to check your preparedness, according to Maj. Susan Airola-Skully, 39th Mission Support Squadron commander and wing noncombat evacuation operation officer.

“Are the lists up to date? Do you have the essential documents? We may have to wait for a short period before things start rolling,” she said. “This is the time for the last minute planning and double-checking, not trying to get it all together, there will not be time for that.”

It is mandatory that the items listed below be in the NEO kits.

- ◆ **ID Cards and passports:** These are required for all family members of military sponsors and Department of Defense civilian employees.

- ◆ **Red stamped orders:** For military members

- ◆ **Immunizations records:** For all departing members

- ◆ **Residency permits:** For all departing members

- ◆ **POV registration certificate:** The blue or white copy is needed to obtain a receipt for a car turned over to the military authorities and to request reimbursement if the car is not returned to you after the evacuation.

- ◆ **Family Care Plan:** Service members who are married parents, sole parents or sole guardians are required to make suitable arrangements for the care of family members in the event of evacuation and to complete family care plans that indicate arrangements have been made for evacuation of family members during the sponsor’s absence.

- ◆ **Bank information:** The sponsor will insure that the family members take with them all pertinent bank information (checks, bonds, saving account information etc). Insure both parties, sponsor and dependents, have enough checks to last for an extended period of time.

- ◆ **Luggage:** Up to two bags at 70 pounds and 62 linear inches per person.

- ◆ **Housing inventory:** An up-to-date list of all housing items. The list from when you moved here will help. Just make sure you write in any additional items you might have purchased. Taking pictures of your belongings is a good idea.



Photo by Airman Dawn Dunman

Fred Moore (right), 39th Contracting Squadron, and his wife, Carol Moore, show their necessary papers in the processing line during the noncombatant evacuation operation exercise Aug. 15. NEOs are designed to get personnel out of dangerous or unsettling circumstances as quickly and safely as possible.

Preparation key to successful NEO operations at Incirlik AB

By Senior Airman Stephanie Hammer
39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

When evacuation of noncombatants becomes necessary, it is important for those eligible for evacuation to be prepared.

Team Incirlik helped ready people for such an evacuation with an exercise Aug. 15. More than 120 non-essential civilian employees and family members volunteered to participate in the noncombatant evacuation operation exercise, giving them first-hand experience on what to do in the event an evacuation would become necessary.

“Remember that an evacuation is for your own safety,” said Maj. Susan Airola-Skully, 39th Mission Support Squadron commander and wing NEO officer. “You will probably have to give up comforts that you are use to. Military members may be required at their duty station, so family members must be able, mentally and physically, to evacuate by themselves.”

NEOs are designed to get personnel out of dangerous or unsettling circumstances as quickly and safely as possible. Incirlik personnel and their families have been faced with a NEO in the past. In March 2003, Incirlik evacuated 1,350 evacuees in four days.

“One of the biggest problems encountered was personnel with expired or missing passports, VISAs or residency permits,” said Major Airola-Skully. “As a wing, we practice NEO exercises to try to combat this issue through

education and practice to remind personnel of the importance of keeping their personal documents up-to-date.”

When the evacuation order is released, it may take several different forms – from a gradual and deliberate speedup of normal rotation processing to the United States to a more urgent situation where evacuees are moved as rapidly as possible by air to safe areas elsewhere and eventually to the United States. Under an urgent evacuation, only a few hours notice may be available to get ready.

In order to accomplish this, Maj. Airola-Skully said it takes a team effort. In a nutshell, she said each unit NEO representative helps prepare evacuees by ensuring they have the mandatory forms and documentation ready. A processing line is then set up to evaluate that documentation, advise and assist evacuees with their personal affairs, and provide as much reassurance and peace of mind as possible.

“Every unit on base plays some role in the execution of a NEO so aid and assistance will be provided in many different forms,” she continued. “Leadership’s overall concern is to ensure evacuees depart Incirlik in a controlled manner, well-prepared for any contingencies that lie ahead, including their return to Incirlik.”

Historically, Major Airola-Skully said many people are unprepared for evacuations.

“Be ready,” she said. “Maintain an evacuation kit containing everything you will need, ready to be loaded into a bus or car at a moment’s notice.”

Delivering cargo to warfighters

By Capt. Denise Burnham

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

Ever since cargo hub operations began June 1, the workload here has increased more than ten times its previous amount. The eight-week old mission has moved almost 20,000 tons of cargo into theater.

At Incirlik the 728th Air Mobility Squadron, in concert with the 385th Expeditionary Air Group, has shipped so much cargo to Iraq that, if measured, it would be 20 miles long and equal approximately 15,800 Honda Accords, according to Lt. Col. Scott Gericke, 728th AMS director of operations. However, transporting the cargo is the responsibility of the 385th AEG.

The 385th AEG is comprised of the 90th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron and the 817th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron. The 817th was primarily conducting their direct delivery mission from Germany. When the Incirlik cargo hub opened, they transitioned the heart of that operation here.

"We can move about twice as much stuff now using the same amount of assets," said Maj. Rob Frink, 728th air mobility control center flight commander and assistant operations officer. "Our job here is to move as much cargo as possible, as efficiently and quickly as possible to the warfighter."

Once the cargo arrives at Incirlik, it is loaded on various C-17 Globemaster IIIs for transport to locations downrange, also known as the "box" or "sandbox" because of the terrain and hot weather.

"Just a few months ago we were moving a ton of cargo through Charleston to Germany and then transporting it down to the box," he continued. "Now that the operation has moved to Incirlik we can do two trips in one crew-duty day instead of one with the same number of (aircraft) tails."

Previously, when the mission was located at Rhein-Mein, Germany, each C-17 could only make one mission per day. From here, the C-17s are able to make two sorties per day without refueling in-flight. By moving the cargo hub to Incirlik the workload has gone from 12 sorties per month to more than 250.

"It's much busier here now, and much more mission-focused," said Capt. Aaron Scheer, 728th aerial port flight commander. "It's more exciting and dynamic because it changes day-to-day."

"Since the cargo hub started we've had a mix of active duty, Reserve and Guard," he continued. "Our augmentees are a vital part of the mission."

The staff at the aerial port is charged with managing all the cargo coming and going out of Incirlik. The troops work out on the flightline, often working 12 to 14 hour days out in the sun. It is a twenty-four hour manned operation.

A large part of the operation is being done by the aircraft services element. The air terminal operations element plans loads; what will specifically go on each aircraft. The passenger services element perform fleet services on each aircraft and bring out the staircase trucks. The aircraft services element is charged with maintaining and loading the cargo on the aircraft.

Personnel use 60K Tunnor Loaders that can carry several pallets at once. The loader is a long, motorized dock which aligns flush with the C-17 and cargo is moved on or off the plane. The 10K forklifts feed cargo on or off the aircraft, or put it into the cargo yard.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Renae Saylock

C-17 Globemasters from Mississippi, South Carolina, New Jersey and Washington fly downrange from Incirlik with add-on armor and other supplies for troops.

Last week, the 728th AMS moved about 1,800 tons of cargo.

"I like seeing the people I work with make a difference in world events," said Captain Scheer. "I also like going out and seeing different pieces of cargo and knowing how important each one is. You'll see a lot of add-on armor, a very heavy armor which is being placed on vehicles to protect them downrange. I've seen a lot of washers, vehicle parts and tires."

The responsibility of transporting the cargo rotates between Charleston, McChord, McGuire AFBs and the Air National Guard Unit from Jackson, Miss.

"The (aircraft) tails come from wherever we need to get them and they rotate roughly every two weeks," said Major Frink. "Whatever tails Air Mobility Command has available, we'll use."

Twelve Air Mobility Control Center controllers are responsible for the control of all the aircraft coming in and out of Incirlik.

"My team in the AMCC coordinates approximately 40 aircraft movements a day," said Major Frink. "They do all the command and control for the cargo hub mission, all the C-17s, all the transients that come through here, C-130s, C-5s and the Patriot Express, the contract aircraft. Basically any AMC mission that comes through Incirlik is commanded and controlled by the AMCC crew."

"I am very proud of every member of the 728th AMS permanent party, Turkish and TDY. Additionally, we could not do what we do so well without the support of the 39th Air Base Wing. Together, we are making a difference for American policy in Iraq," said Lt. Col. Christopher Kulas, 728th AMS commander.



Ask MEHMET

By Mehmet Birbiri, *Host Nation Adviser*

Turkish barber

Question: I went to a Turkish barber the other day, and I was amazed with the service he provided.

After cutting and washing my hair, he rubbed my forehead, neck, shoulders, arms and back, and cracked my knuckles. That massage was quite relaxing. Why did he give me a massage? Do all barbers give the same service in Turkey?

Response: I'll bet that barber was middle-aged. Your barber is practicing an old tradition where the barber's success depends on the customer's relaxation.

That is why a barber spends a long time working on the customer's hair—cutting it, shaving the customer's beard, trimming his moustache, washing the customer's head and massaging the forehead, neck, shoulders, and back.

Many will also cut or trim the hair seen on a person's nostrils. Barbers will cut or burn the hair on a customer's ears and cheeks if the customer wants.

Prices are seldom posted in barber shops. The cost of a hair cut, determined by the municipality, is quite low and the barbers give those extra services for tips.

Barbers had an important role in Turkish history, because their shops were a place to socialize and drink coffee and tea. Daily papers were also kept present to be read by the waiting customers and visitors.

Barbers were intellectual individuals and used to discuss every subject, from politics to sports, with their customers.

They also practiced minor medicine—performing circumcisions on young Moslem boys, treating minor cuts and pulling teeth.

It's not practiced anymore, but a cutting bridegroom's hair was a very special event during a wedding party.

Everybody would drink, eat and dance for a while. Then the groom sits in the chair and the barber goes to work.

During that haircut, which took at least an hour, the groom's friends sang for the groom standing by his chair. When they finished their song, the friends would empty a small bottle of cologne or perfume

onto the groom's head and tip the barber.

The longer the haircut takes, more friends would come, sing and tip the barber.

Baby gifts

Question: Mehmet, what is an appropriate gift for a new born Turkish baby?

Response: Baby clothes, baby blankets or a baby stroller are good practical gifts for a new baby.

Another very common gift for babies in Turkey is a small piece of gold. All jewelry stores sell these special pieces of gold. They are all round and in three different weights and prices. Those gold pieces are also used as gifts for the newly married couples. They are tied to small safety pins decorated with a red ribbon. While visiting the family or baby, the gold piece is attached to the clothing of the baby. Sometimes, mothers also receive gifts after a birth; but unfortunately fathers are left out as if they have no involvement in that process of birth. Perhaps the question many fathers would like to ask is why they are left out.

Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail mehmet.birbiri@incirlik.af.mil.

Headed to the beach? Maybe you should think again!

The community of Kizkalesi is under a travel restriction until Sept. 6. People may travel through Kizkalesi; but should not stop for leisure activities.

This applies to everyone assigned to the 39th Air Base Wing, its tenant units, TDY personnel, transient units as well as dependents.

A travel advisory is still in effect for the western cities of Turkey to include, but not limited to the resort communities of Kusadasi, Cesme, Alanya, Antalya, Marmaris, Bodrum, Fethiye, and Didim.

The city of Mersin is also now included in this travel advisory. For more information see Battle Staff Directive 05-20 on *The Source*.



Travel Advisory

Report any unusual occurrences here or anywhere else to the law enforcement desk at 6-3200 or 0322-316-3200.

AMMO strikes early to capture base championship

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Burgess

39th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

AMMO left a lot of spent cases at home plate to capture this year's base intramural championship 22-11 over SFS, Tuesday.

The rapid fire of runs started in the bottom of first when Terrence "Bean" Banfield parked the first of two AMMO grand slam homeruns over left center field. AMMO, player and coach Robert "DeMo" DeMarino said, "We all come out to play at the next level and crush the ball."

Two batters later, James Koenig sailed a line drive over right center and Keith "Southside" Southern followed up the act with another homerun. After the first inning, AMMO had a commanding 8-1 lead and three out of the six homeruns allowed during the seventh inning, no time limit championship game.

SFS added one run in the second inning to close the gap 8-2. SFS player and coach Todd Boren said, "This is what happened to us against AMMO in the regular season."

SFS and AMMO both had 19-2 records during regular season play. However, SFS couldn't defeat AMMO during regular season play and just like in those games, SFS was flat at the plate. AMMO's only losses came to LRS.

In the bottom of the second inning, DeMarino blasted the second grand slam and left a huge crater for SFS to come out of 12-2.

In the top of the third inning, SFS showed signs of life with a RBI sacrifice to left field and Jarrod Getz's solo homerun, pulling SFS closer to AMMO 12-4. SFS was denied more runs by the defensive play of shortstop Chuck Grim, his diving catch would have definitely made the "play of the day" on any sports program.

In the bottom of the third, AMMO cashed in on the sixth homerun rule with the final two coming off the bats of Kreg "KC"

Carlson and Willie "Mother" Mothersell. AMMO lead 14-4. SFS got out of inning when left center fielder Aaron Ondo cut across in 40 yard dash record time to track down a fly ball behind right center fielder. His play would have also made the high-light reel.

The fourth and fifth innings were scoreless. Going into the sixth inning, AMMO had only made three fielding errors while SFS only had eight base hits.

SFS rallied in the sixth inning to draw closer to AMMO, 14-8. AMMO then demonstrated precision trajectory at the plate, spraying the infield with base hit after base hit. Demarino kept the two-out parade going after sliding into third safely. His efforts were rewarded by the AMMO crowd as the fans spelled out A-M-M-O in one loud roar. When the inning was over, AMMO had stock piled a 22-8 lead.

SFS rallied in the top of the seventh with three runs. Borne, said "We didn't give up at the plate; our guys fought hard. It's been two years since we have made it to the winner's circle."

For seven AMMO players the season doesn't end yet. Seven players will head out with the Incirlik Varsity Men's base softball team to play at the 2005 U.S. Air Forces in Europe Softball at Aviano Air Base, Italy From Thursday to Aug. 24. Also traveling to the tournament will be the Women's Varsity team.

2005 Intramural base softball All Stars

William Mothersell, AMMO; Spencer Carter, AMS/OS (Coalition); Raul Ruiz MDS, Jeff Thomas, LRS; Keith Southern, AMMO; William Mowery, LRS; Billy Mehringer, MDS; Ronnie Menges, LRS; Terrence Banfield, AMMO; Michael, Gregory, COMM and Kevin Knox, AMS/OPS (Coalition)

GSU Highlight: U.S. Embassy Ankara

Mission:

The goal of the American Mission in Turkey is to promote the objectives and protect the interests of the United States and its citizens in the Republic of Turkey. The embassy strives to represent the United States in a way that will make the American taxpayer proud.

The embassy is also devoted to helping American citizens and American organizations living and working or visiting in Turkey.

The embassy works to promote American commercial interests in Turkey, one of ten countries or regions in the world identified by the U.S. Department of Commerce as a "Big Emerging Market."

Turkey's success as a secular, democratic republic is important to the United States. Three themes guide the daily work of the American Mission in Turkey in this respect:

The United States supports Turkish democracy and territorial integrity.

The United States supports a strong security partnership with Turkey based on our



shared interests.

The United States supports Turkey's economic success.

In addition, the U.S. speaks out in Turkey for enhanced democracy and for the protection of human rights. They work for better relations between Turkey and Greece and for a just and durable settlement of the Cyprus question. The United States and Turkey also

work together to fight terrorism; to pursue peace in the Middle East, the Balkans, and the Caucasus; to fight drug trafficking and money laundering; to bring Caspian basin oil and gas to world markets via pipelines through Turkey; and to maintain close defense cooperation. (Courtesy <http://www.usemb-ankara.org.tr/>)

THE INCIRLIK GUIDE

Family barbecue

The Incirlik Spouses Club family barbecue is 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Arkadas Park. The ISC is providing chicken and hamburgers.

People who wish to attend may bring a side dish. All Incirlik families are invited. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. People should RSVP to Julie Hays at 6-5811 by Monday.

Youth Center

The amazing race event is 6 p.m. Aug. 26; the wacky base scavenger hunt is 5 p.m. Aug. 23; and the parking lot bash and talent contest is 6 to 9 p.m. Aug. 27. All events are at the youth center and are open to all teens and preteens. The cost for these events is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members.

PADI scuba

Professional Association of Driving Instructors is offering a variety of classes and course dates are flexible. For more information, call 6-6044.

Adoption day

Pets are Worth Saving is holding an adoption day from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Aug. 27 in front of the base exchange. For more information, call Stacey Moore at 6-5932 or e-mail at stacey.moore@incirlik.af.mil.

Girl Scout camp

The Girl Scouts of the North Atlantic offers a camp for all girls ages 11 to 17 in Heidleberg, Germany. Incirlik has room for six girls to attend this camp.

For more information, call Kathy Shoemaker at 6-5108 or e-mail at kathy.shoemaker@incirlik.af.mil.

Intramural bowling

Intramural bowling starts Sept. 13 and 14. For more information or to join the league, call Ken Williams at 6-6782 or Clifford Sowder at 6-1088.

WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



Capt. Brandon Christensen
39th Medical Squadron Family Advocacy
officer

Time in service: Four years

Hometown: Rota, Spain

Time on station: One year

Hobbies: Golf, soccer, snowboarding, outdoor activities

Why did you join the Air Force?

I joined the Air Force to serve my country.

What do you like the most about Incirlik?

I like the history and the culture of the country best.

How do you contribute to the mission?

I support individual and family stability.

What is your favorite motto and why?

"Just do it!" I like to get the work done and then play; no whining.

What Air Force core value best describes you and why?

"Service Before Self" – My father bred that into me.

Supervisor's quote:

"Capt. Christensen is one of the best officers and medical providers I've ever worked with," said Capt. Deborah Sirratt, 39th Medical Squadron Mental Health element chief. "He is an asset to our squadron and the base. I would love to work with him again. He is knowledgeable, personable and a great performer. He has a great dog, too."

Classifieds

Garage sale:

The Incirlik Girl Scouts are having a garage sale from 8 a.m. to noon Aug. 27 at building 999. People

who wish to sell items can get a table for \$10. To donate items for the Girl Scouts to sell, call Kathy Shoemaker at 6-5108 or e-mail at kathy.shoemaker@incirlik.af.mil.

Wanted: Second car that runs well for under \$1,000. Must have steering wheel on left side. For more information call Jerry Lawson at 6-9381 or e-mail at jerry.lawson@incirlik.af.mil.

Wanted: In-home child care provider. Needed for one child of busy mom who wants to work out in the mornings. Must have own gate pass, speak English well and be available from 5 to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday and possibly some weekends. Must either live in or have own trans-

portation to Falcon housing. For more details call 6-5791.

For Sale: Female Doberman, 18-months-old, all shots current. Housebroken, children friendly, not fixed. \$1,000 OBO to a good home. For more information, call Charlie at 05448538825.

Free to a good home: Tan German boxer, 9-months-old, great with children. For more information, call Antonio at 6-8979 or 6-2304.

Position available: A laboratory technician is needed for research and study. Experience preferred in microbiology. Hours are flexible. For more information, call Kathy Shoemaker at 6-8673.

Volunteers needed: The Adana Neighborhood Girl Scouts are looking for volunteers for the upcoming 2005 to 2006 year. For more information, contact Kathy at 6-5108 or e-mail at kathy.shoemaker@incirlik.af.mil or Angella at 6-5761 or e-mail angella.shipman@incirlik.af.mil.



Project Wizard, a U.S. Air Forces in Europe special interest program, focuses on the opportunities to study and explore through libraries. For more information about the program or upcoming events, call the library at 6-6759.

COMBAT, SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Combat Education

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University has certificate programs for several specialties. For more information, call 6-1098.

The last day the Incirlik education office can issue tuition assistance for fiscal year 2005 is Sept. 21.

Anyone taking classes starting before Oct. 1 must complete their TA form by Sept. 21. No TA will be issued between Sept. 22 and 30. For more information, call 6-3211.

Project Wizard

The Book Club in a Box program has 10 copies of the same book, discussion questions and tips for running a book club.

The Online Book Club allows people to receive a portion of a book each day through e-mail. For more information, call the library at 6-6759.

Combat Touch happenings

Mid-week Bible Study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays in the Chapel Annex. For more information, call 6-2188.

Intercessory prayer group is 8 a.m. Saturdays at the chapel. For more information, call 6-2188.

The Crossroads Café opens at 7 p.m. Saturdays for people 18-years-old and older and 6 p.m. Sundays for all ages. For information, call 6-6441.

Hours for Sunday worship services at the base chapel in building 945 are:

Protestant:

8 a.m. – Traditional worship service

11:15 a.m. – Gospel worship service

6 p.m. – Contemporary service

Catholic:

9 a.m. – Reconciliation

9:30 a.m. – Mass

Daily Mass is 11:30 a.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

The chapel also has points of contact for Jewish, Wiccan and Jehovah's Witness.

Personal checks written to the chapel require the sponsor's social security number on them. For more information, call the base chapel at 6-6441.



Photo by Tech. Sgt William Gomez

Pool with a view

Several people went to the double feature at the Incirlik pool Wednesday. The Dive in Movie night featured "Finding Nemo" for children and "Jaws" for the adults.



AT THE OASIS

Today

7 p.m. – Herbie: Fully Loaded (G) – Starring Lindsay Lohan and Justin Long. Maggie, the new owner of Number 53 - the free-wheelin' Volkswagen bug with a mind of its own - puts the car through its paces on the road to becoming a racing competitor. (98 minutes)

9:15 p.m. – The Honeymooners (PG-13) – Starring Cedric the entertainer and Mike Epps. When Ralph decides to try to impress Alice by making up what he's lost and augmenting their savings with another of his crazy schemes, he winds up losing all their money and his marriage to boot. (90 minutes)

Saturday

5 p.m. – Herbie: Fully Loaded (G) – Starring Lindsay Lohan and Justin Long. (98 minutes)

7:30 p.m. – Madagascar (PG) – Starring Ben Stiller and Chris Rock. Four residents of New York's Central Park Zoo have spent their whole lives living happily in a zoo. When one tries to escape the others are dragged along in the wacky adventure. (80 minutes)

Sunday

7 p.m. – Cinderella Man (PG-13) – Starring Russell Crowe and Renee Zellweger. In the middle of the Great Depression, there came along a most unlikely hero, James J. Braddock, a.k.a. "Cinderella Man." (144 minutes)

Thursday

7 p.m. – Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants (PG) – Starring Amber Tamblyn and America Ferrara. When four best friends, Tibby, Lena, Carmen and Bridget, spend their first summer apart from one another, they share a magical pair of jeans. (120 minutes)

AT THE M1

Fantastic Four (PG-13) — 11:15 p.m., 1:45 p.m., 4:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., and 9:15 p.m. (110 minutes)

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (PG) — 11:45 a.m., 2:15 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 5:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (106 minutes)

Movie listings are subject to changes. On-base listings are courtesy of the Army and Air Force Exchange Service Web site at <http://www.aafes.com/ems/euro/incirlik.htm>; M-1 listings are courtesy of Tepe Cinemaxx. For more Oasis information and updates, call the movie recording at 6-6986 or the theater office at 6-9140.